

83. (Amended) A hardened reinforcing material as claimed in claim 81 wherein the reinforcing fiber is carbon fiber or carbonaceous fiber.

84. (Amended) A hardened reinforcing material as claimed in claim 81 wherein said reinforcing fiber is selected from the group consisting of strands, rovings, ropes, braids, unidirectional sheets, fabrics, nets, and unwoven fabrics and mats.

89. (Amended) A method for producing, in the absence of water, a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material comprising:

(1) dispersing a hydraulic inorganic powder in a solution of an organic binder in an organic solvent;

(2) applying the organic binder solution containing the dispersed hydraulic inorganic powder to reinforcing fiber to bind the hydraulic inorganic powder to the surface of the reinforcing fiber and/or to impregnate the reinforcing fiber;

(3) drying the reinforcing fiber having a coating of the hydraulic inorganic powder;

(4) obtaining, as a product, a dry fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material wherein the hydraulic inorganic powder is unhardened and is bound to the reinforcing fiber through the organic binder, said product remaining flexible until contact with water and, upon contact with water, hardening by a hydration reaction.